

Information Services Board Geographic Information Technology Committee Update

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Description

Briefing book update on the activities of the ISB Committee on Geographic Information Technology (GIT)

Committee Membership

Roy Lum (Chair),
Deputy Director, DIS

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Honorable Glenn Anderson,
House of Representatives

Carol Fleskes,
Administrative & IT Director ECY

Frank Westrum, CIO, DOH

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Richard Ybarra, Assistant
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Vicki Lukas, Chief PNW Science
Team, USGS

Tim Lowenberg, Major General,
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Bonnie Bunning, Executive
Director, DNR

George Spencer, WAGIC Chair,
WSDOT

Current Initiatives

The ISB Committee on Geographic Information Technology (GIT) met June 3rd and discussed the following:

1. Washington State Strategic Plan for GIT

Staff reviewed comments received on the first draft of the strategic plan released in April. The Committee confirmed that plan narrative reflects the strategies, objectives and expected outcomes they have previously endorsed. Discussion followed regarding how the plan could be use to facilitate enterprise decision making, prioritization, and funding decisions. Members agreed to have more discussion on this topic at the next meeting.

The final comment version of the strategic plan will be made available for public comment and review in early July. The final plan draft will be presented for endorsement by the Washington State Geographic Information Council and GIT Committee members in August and subsequently, to the full ISB in September. Copies of the plan will be available at <http://wagic.wa.gov>

2. Common Web Mapping Infrastructure Project & GIS Grant Funding Possibilities

Staff presented proposals recently made to federal Cooperative Agreement Programs (CAP) as potential funding sources to launch enterprise web mapping activities. Two proposals were submitted seeking a total of \$150,000 in federal funds – state agencies and local jurisdictions have committed to an equal amount of in-kind resources to support the proposals.

Both proposals will further key objectives of the strategic plan and if funded will help enhance spatial information access through sharable infrastructure. One proposal seeks to support implementation of a national open standard for a non-proprietary protocol for query and delivery of spatial information over the web. The second proposal seeks to launch a multi-jurisdiction Washington State Transportation (WaTrans) Framework pilot project. Transportation data from certain local jurisdictions will be integrated with state data to produce statewide transportation data useful for planning and decision-making by federal, state, local and tribal organizations.

The federal Award announcements are expected in August with the 12 month performance period starting in October 2004.

3. Strengthening leadership continuity of WAGIC technical forum

Key staff to the ISB/GIT Committee come from state agencies that belong to the GIS technical forum known as the Washington State Geographic Information Council (WAGIC). WAGIC recently approved proposed bylaw changes to formally establish two additional executive positions of Chair Elect and Immediate Past Chair. Elections were held in June to fill the two open positions; Ian Von Essen, Spokane County GIS Manager was elected Chair and, Joy Paulus, Interagency Commission for Outdoor Recreation was elected as Chair Elect.

4. Washington State Spatial Data Clearinghouse re-host migration underway

The Washington Clearinghouse is a registered node on the national network of standards based spatial data discovery clearinghouses known as the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI). The WA clearinghouse now operates through a partnership between University of Washington Map Libraries, DIS, and WAGIC. Agreement was recently reached with the UW Library IT Department to host and administer the server that was formerly at UW College for Forest Resources. Migration of the environment is underway with parallel testing scheduled for last week of June. Anticipated cutover to new environment is early July. State agencies depend on the Clearinghouse to enable spatial data discovery and serve as the named repository for describing the states significant geodata holdings (per ISB GIT Standards).

Next Meeting:

Tentatively scheduled for November 16th, 2004.

URL for Committee Web Site:

Under development

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